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FOLLOWING REPEAT BUENOS AIRES 2316 ACTION BRASILIA AND SECSTATE DATED MAR 29, 1978.

QUOTE: S E C R E T BUENOS AIRES 2316

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E.O. 11652 GDS TAGS PINR, MOPS, AR SUBJECT BRIEFINGS OF SELECTED LATIN AMERICAN LEADERS ON CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICA

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FOLLOWING ARE FOUR POINTS GIVEN AMBASSADOR EVENING MARCH 28 BY ARGENTINE ARMY CHIEF SECRET

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OF STAFF GENERAL VIOLA AS EXPRESSIONS OF PRESIDENT VIDELA CONCERNING POINTS RAISED IN REFTEL:

-. VIOLA ASKED AMBASSADOR TO EXTEND
PRESIDENT VIDELAS GREETINGS TO PRESIDENT
CARTER AND ALSO TO EXPRESS GOA'S APPRECIATION
FOR USG'S DEFERENCE IN SHARING INFORMATION

WITH ARGENTINA ON SUCH AN IMPORTANT MATTER FACING US IN AFRICA. VIDELA WISHED TO EMPHASIZE HOW GRATEFUL HE WAS FOR BEING CONSULTED BY US PRESIDENT ON A MATTER OF GREAT INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE;

B. VIDELA UNDERSTOOD AND APPRECIATED PRESIDENT
CARTER'S CONCERN OVER SOVIET/CUBAN INTERVENTION IN
AFRICA. VIDELA WANTED PRESIDENT CARTER TO KNOW THAT
HE STRONGLY SUPPORTED OUR POSITION ON NON INTERVENTION
AND PARTICULARLY AGAINST SOVIET-CUBAN INTERVENTIONISM.
VIDELA APPLAUDED US EFFORTS TO TAKE A FIRMER STAND
AGAINST SOVIET/CUBAN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA;
C. GOA FULLY BELIEVES THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO
DEVELOP AN INTEGRATED INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE PLAN FOR
THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. THIS IS AN OBJECTIVE TOWARDS
WHICH EVERY COUNTRY IN THE AMERICAS SHOULD BE OFFERING
ITS SUPPORT, AND

D. VIDELA EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE TRUE SPIRIT OF PUNTA DEL ESTE SHOULD PREVAIL. WITHOUT ENTERING INTO DETAIL VIOLA SAID IT WAS PRESIDENT VIDELAS'S VIEW THAT THOSE CONCEPTS ENUNCIATED AND ADOPTED UNDER THE HEMISPHERIC AGREEMENTS REACHED AT PUNTA DEL ESTE SHOULD BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED BY ALL THE MEMBER STATES OF THE AMERICAS.

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